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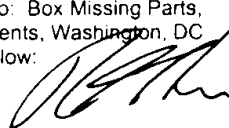
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RE: *U.S. Patent Application No. 09/910,428 entitled "A DNA MARKER FOR CATTLE GROWTH" - Chad S. Hale et al.*

Sir:

Please find enclosed:

- (1) A Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) mailed September 19, 2001;
- (2) Declaration;
- (3) Power of Attorney;
- (4) Request for Extension of Time;
- (5) Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)-Filing Date Granted;
- (6) Preliminary Amendment;
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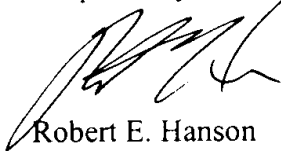
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Chad S. Hale et al.

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL  
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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), dated September 19, 2001, there are enclosed herewith:

- (a) Declaration executed on behalf of Chad S. Hale, William O. Herring, Gary S. Johnson, Duane H. Keisler, Dennis B. Lubahn, Matthew S. Lucy and Hisashi Shibuya;
- (b) A Power of Attorney on behalf of The Curators of the University of Missouri;

- (c) Our check in the amount of \$705.00 to cover the basic filing fee (\$370.00 - utility small entity); surcharge for late filing (\$65.00); additional claims fee (\$270.00);
- (d) Our check in the amount of \$720.00 for four month extension of time fee;
- (e) A copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application Filed Under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)-Filing Date Granted; and
- (f) A Request for Extension of Time of four months to and including March 19, 2002. Should such request be absent, consider this such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 as stated below.

An Assignment to The Curators of the University of Missouri and a check for \$40.00 are being filed under separate cover.

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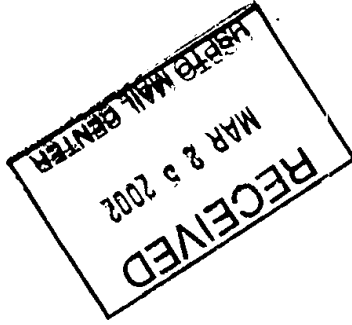
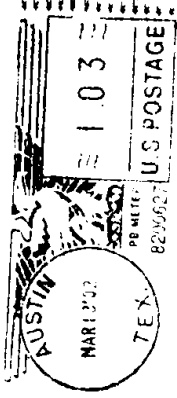


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**Filing Date Granted**

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$540.
  - **\$540** for **30** total claims over 20.
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 1380.**

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